

House Resolution No. 359

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

Whereas, Austin Howe of Palmyra, Missouri, is a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Palmyra High School and one of six top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist Award in 2003; and

Whereas, selected on the basis of his presidential leadership of the Community Youth Association, Austin Howe will receive an engraved bronze medallion in honor of his status as a state Distinguished Finalist who works with a group of teenagers to perform a variety of community service projects which help solve problems in their community; and

Whereas, now in its eighth year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

Whereas, Austin Howe was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by Palmyra High School as one of 24,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Austin Howe as a Missouri Distinguished Finalist by the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Austin Howe, son of Barbara Powell and Steve Howe.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 359, adopted February 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker